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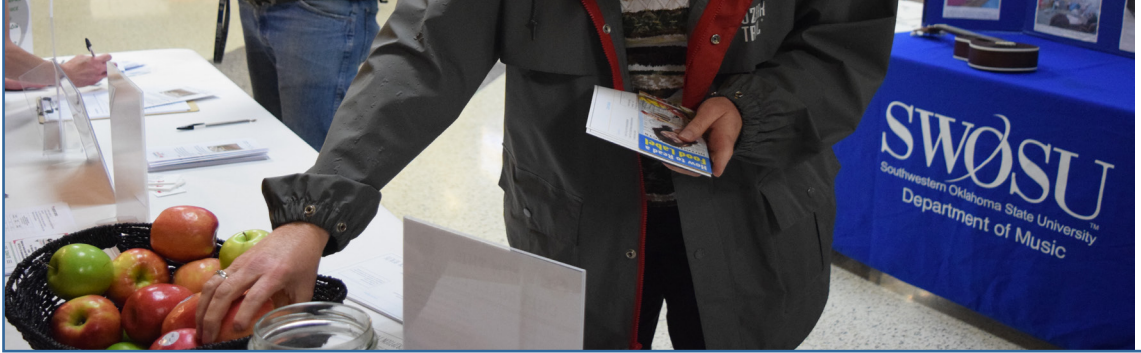
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Top events coming up at SWOSU

- **Westview Writers Festival**, 5 - 8 p.m. Student Union Ballroom, Wed., April 19 and Thu. April 20
- **President's Pancake Dinner** 10 p.m. Duke's Diner, Sun., April 30

WEEKLY WEATHER

Source: Weather.com

WED	THUR	FRI
76/55	75/52	72/52
SAT	SUN	MON
74/55	74/54	72/50

SWOSU Snapshot

For the Health & Counseling Services Wellness Expo, tables were set up in the SWOSU Student Union lobby April 13. Wellness Expo was an opportunity to learn more about health from all aspects, such as financial, spiritual, physical, and medical.

Photos by Harry Le

Ten 10-minute plays on tap this week

Students in Southwestern's Play Directing & Production and Lighting Design courses will present their final projects, 10-Minute plays, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, and Friday, April 21.

In Steve Strickler's Play Directing class, the students have been learning a technical method for examining the structure of all playscripts in order to show how plays are made and how directors can prepare. The students have put those skills to work on their own individual projects. There will be a total of ten 10-Minute plays presented. "Fortunately," Strickler states, "the students have chosen a wide variety of plays. Therefore, we are going to be able to offer a mixture of comedy, drama, and mystery." The student-directors have the unique opportunity to work with students in Jessica Salmans' Lighting Design course to experience the process of directors and light-

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Disc golf gives some students a study break

By Nathan McGraw
Staff Reporter

Students who want play a sport without being athletic in the traditional sense have an option: disc golf.

Playing disc golf requires minimal physical activity but is a great way to stay active. To play disc golf, you need just a couple of things. You need discs to play with, time to play and the ability to learn.

The first thing to know about disc golf is that it's not as easy as it looks.

It requires skill and knowledge to select the right disc to heave into the basket. On average discs range in price from \$7 to \$20.

Playing disc golf starts with throwing a disc from a tee pad into a basket with chains in it.

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The final exams is around the corner, are you ready for it?

By Reemah Alkhaldi
Staff Reporter

Final exams are scheduled for May 1-5. Departments or Academic Units schedule room assignments for final exams through the office of the Vice President for Administration & Finance. Exams for single classes must follow the schedule set up. Multi-section exams scheduled by an instructor must have the approval of the Vice President for Student Affairs for both time and room space. These are scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis. These exams must be approved one week before the first final exams. As soon as these exams are confirmed, all students need to be informed.

Professors are requested not to deviate from the final exam schedule. The exams are spread as evenly possible over the five-day period. The finals schedule for the spring semester is posted on the SWOSU website.

Some finals policies include:

- Students may drop classes with instructor permission up to five days prior to the beginning of finals.

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NEWS/OPINION



Opinion: The power of photography: time, mortality and memory

By **Kathy Martinez**
Staff Reporter

Photos.
Of us, of our families, and of our friends (the human ones and the furry ones).
Technology has limited the way we capture the memories of the ones closest to us. It limits us, and yet also gives us a chance of a world of memories in our hands. Easily accessible.
Cellphones are convenient for all of us. They guide us and are such a useful tool for every one of us. But best of all, they let us capture things around us with a simple camera application.
Once we take a photo on our phone, we share it.
Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, you name it.
Our phones become full of these memories that we’ve easily captured.

We can transfer those photos to new phones. We share these memories to other phones, laptops, or tablets.
But they stay there. Our photos, the memories we take stay in our phones. They stay digital. We aren’t physically sharing them.
The walls in our homes, apartments, or dorm rooms are empty. Holding no memories but a random poster of our favorite band or maybe some mismatched decorations our mothers gave us to fill the awkward emptiness. These decorations and hangings can represent some of the things we like on our walls or shelves, but don’t show who we are.
Our memories are all digital and stuck inside of our handheld devices. We don’t print our photos out. We don’t develop the memories we have created and captured.
We live day to day, not really thinking about how important these

digital files on our phones that hold our memories truly are.
One day, our phones will quit working or be lost.
Either stolen from us by a thief who really needed the cellphone you left unattended in your cart or simply because we dropped our phone in our bowl of cereal. All our memories are now gone and cannot be retrieved.
We shouldn’t leave our memories vulnerable of being lost. Have photographs taken of you professionally and printed out to display.
If you cannot afford to do so, take your phone or any photos on a USB drive and have them quickly developed at Walgreens or Walmart.
Add these photos to an album, to your wall, or on your shelves. Make your memories something you can physically hold and share with others.

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- During regular semesters, the three class days prior to the beginning of finals are considered “dead days” in that no graded assignments or activities are to be scheduled. Extracurricular events (*other than unscheduled league play-off events*) and required field trips are prohibited. Attendance policies will remain in force.
 - Occasionally the final exam schedule results in a student having more than three exams on any given day. Students may seek assistance in alleviating this excessive schedule from the Vice President for Student Affairs.
- A full list of policies can be found on the SWOSU website.



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If you’re familiar with golf, it is scored the same way.
You have par, which is the average amount of throws it takes to throw into the basket. You can score over or under par.
Currently there is one disc golf course in Weatherford, located at the Ole Fishin’ Hole at Rader Park. There are courses worldwide offering a variety of environments. Courses are usually free to play at, which means you don’t have to continuously invest money into playing.
SWOSU student Korbin Perkey is a beginner disc golf player.
“Disc golf has helped me enjoy college more because it is a good way to relax and enjoy myself while not having to worry about school all the time,” Perkey said.
Disc golf is a cheap way to entertain yourself nationwide. It can be competitive, but you can enjoy it and relax. Disc golf is a great way to get outside, get active, and find a fun, easy going hobby.

April 19th & 20th

Westview

Writers’ Festival

@ SWOSU’s **Ballroom** in the Student Union

Westview Writers’ Festival planned this week with literacy activities

Southwestern Oklahoma State University’s 24th annual Westview Writers’ Festival will be on Wednesday, April 19, and Thursday, April 20, on the Weatherford campus.
Activities both evenings will be held in the SWOSU Memorial Student Center Ballroom. Admission is free, and the public is invited.
The event celebrates the ongoing publication of Westview, SWOSU’s literary journal, and supports emerging writers and publishers. Offering a workshop and readings by feature authors and students, the festival provides both education and entertainment while fostering the art of creative writing.
The schedule of events is:
Wednesday, April 19
5-6 p.m. Publishing Workshop with Literati Press Comics and Novels
Charles Martin, author and editor

in chief of Literati Press Comics and Novels, and Kristen Grace, editor and graphic novelist, offer a behind-the-scenes tour of the publishing world. Attendees will learn about submitting work for publication and how to get started in publishing-related careers.
6-7 p.m. Feature Reading: Kristen Grace and Charles Martin
Kristen Grace, author of *The Stepmother Who Dreamed of Feathers* (Literati Press, 2016), will read from her newest book, *Wings*, a collection of graphic feminist fairy tales for children and adults. She is joined by Charles Martin, editor of Literati Press and author of several books including *How to Control Gravity and Other Stories*, *In the Town Where All Things Are Possible*, and *The Wonderboy Serials* (all with co-author Will Weinke). A question and answer period with the

authors and book signing will follow.
Thursday, April 20
6-7 p.m. Feature Reading: A.W. Marshall
Pushcart Prize-nominated short fiction writer, A.W. Marshall, will read from his latest short story collection, *Simple Pleasures* (ELJ 2015). Q & A with the author and book signing to follow. For more on A.W. Marshall’s work. Marshall’s reading will be preceded by poetry readings by SWOSU students.
The Art of Westview Exhibition will be on display in the Student Center during the festival.
This exhibition features the work of SWOSU’s graphic design students, who have contributed their talents to the upcoming summer issue of Westview. Copies of Westview and subscriptions to the journal will also be available for purchase during this event.

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NEWS

Brandy Award winners announced

Dr. Jeremy Evert, Dr. Chad Kinder and Taler Alexander are the winners of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Brandy Awards for 2017.

The Brandy Awards honor the faculty, administrator and staff of the year as selected by SWOSU students. The awards are based on student nominations and a campus-wide student vote. All three winners received a traveling Brandy Award and gifts.

Evert was chosen SWOSU Faculty Member of the Year. He is an assistant professor in the Department of Business and Computer Science.

Kinder is the Administrator of the Year. He is College of Professional and Graduate Studies Dean.

Alexander is Staff Member of the Year and is New Student Orientation coordinator in the Enrollment Management office.



Evert, Kinder and Alexander were voted for by students.

The recognition program is sponsored by the SWOSU Collegiate Activities Board. The awards were presented at a pizza lunch held during an appreciation week for SWOSU employees.

Opinion: Small schools take the cake

By Breanna Neer
Staff Reporter

Small universities like SWOSU are better than a bigger university such as OU or OSU.

Connections are the number one reason why. Think about it: at OU there are at least 30 thousand students, and although you get to network with more people, the odds of seeing the same people (other than classmates, and friends in organizations) is slim.

Whereas SWOSU has around 5 thousand students, and you continuously see the same people throughout the day. You may even run into your professor at the local Walmart a few times.

At both schools, the people in your dorm can quickly become your friend.

However, at a smaller university, you are more likely to get help with things such as finding a job, connecting with a church, or even having someone help you change a flat.

Professors also play a role with connections in

smaller universities.

With fewer students, there is more one-on-one time available for professors and their students. This helps because both you and the professor get to know each other better, and they can help you when you are struggling.

Professors can also help make connections towards internships by referring you to a person and allowing themselves to be a reference.

There seems to be more care and passion available for students who go to a smaller university. Even the community sometimes gets involved with the campus, whereas bigger universities typically get their involvement with just sports.

Bigger universities may be better known when looked at on a resume, but you can't get the same quality skills and close knit connection like a smaller university.

If you are deciding between schools, go with the smaller university. If you do there's a better chance you will feel more cared for and involved. It will be the best decision you have ever made.

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ing designers collaborating on a production. Thus, the designers get to see a fully realized design process. The two courses are offered through the Department of Art, Communication, and Theatre.

The directors for the productions include William Appel, Carlyn Magness, Donna McCuistion, Chante Randle, Parker Russell, Lindsee Scott, Chandler Seaton, Cheyanne Smith, Kattie Snow, & Micaelah Thompson. The lighting designers are Ian Appel, William Appel, Carter Baker, Olivia Brookshire, Parker Charping, Grant Crews, Chante Randle, Brooklyn Reed, Shannon Sanders, Allee Thiessen, and Micaelah Thompson.

The 10-Minute plays will be presented in the SWOSU Hilltop Theatre. Admission is free. This production will not have advanced tickets available. For more information, call 774-3082.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	National Visual Arts Juried Exhibition
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Coffee with the President
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Office Personnel Luncheon
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	St. Eugene Catholic Church
College Lunch	
12:50 PM - 1:50 PM	SWOSU Flute Association
Business Meeting	
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Westview Writers Festival
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Kappa Kappa Psi Business Meeting
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Tau Beta Sigma Business Meeting
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Symphonic and Community Band Concert
7:30 PM - 10:00 PM	DND Club Group 3

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Women's Track & Field at Great American Conference Championships	
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	National Visual Arts Juried Exhibition
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Graduation Meeting
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	SWOSU Psychology Awards Reception
4:00 PM - 6:30 PM	N.A.S.A. Meeting
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	SWOSU V.E.T.S. members meeting
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Westview Writers Festival
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM	D&D Group 5
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Drone Days of Summer Meeting
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Student Gov. Meeting
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Social Science Reception
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Choral Concert
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Theatre Production - Student Directed and Designed 10-Minute Plays
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	FC College Circle
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	SISA Meeting

Friday, April 21, 2017

Rodeo @ Fort Hays State University	
Women's Track & Field at Great American Conference Championships	
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	National Visual Arts Juried Exhibition
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM	TOEFL
2:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Baseball vs Ouachita Baptist
2:00 PM	Softball at Ouachita Baptist University
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Biology Banquet
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Chemistry Banquet
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	D&D Group 4 Meeting
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Zeta Phi Pledge Interviews
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Theatre Production - Student Directed and Designed 10-Minute Plays
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Wind Symphony Concert

Saturday, April 22, 2017

GAC Men's Golf Championships	
Rodeo @ Fort Hays State University	
Women's Track & Field at Great American Conference Championships	
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	MARS Pet Care Training
12:00 PM	Softball at Ouachita Baptist University
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Baseball vs Ouachita Baptist
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	SASA Executives Evaluation Day

Sunday, April 23, 2017

GAC Men's Golf Championships	
Rodeo @ Fort Hays State University	
Women's Golf at GAC Golf Championships	
12:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Mu Phi Epsilon Meetings
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Senior Recital - Davison Nguyen
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Zeta Phi Annual Banquet
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Jazz Ensembles Concert
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Kristen Williams-Senior Recital
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Mu Phi Epsilon Meetings
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Sigma Sigma Chi Meeting
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Phi Delta Theta Chapter
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Sigma Alpha Iota Colony
Business Meetings	
8:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Zeta Phi Pledge Meeting
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM	TKE meeting

Monday, April 24, 2017

Women's Golf at GAC Golf Championships	
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	National Visual Arts Juried Exhibition
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	SWOSU Campus Visit
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	SOBT Honors Reception
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	IPPE Briefing Meeting
7:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Zeta Phi Weekly Meeting

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Women's Golf at GAC Golf Championships	
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	National Visual Arts Juried Exhibition
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	STAMPEDE '17-Ag in the Classroom

Art, Comm, Theatre, other depts host banquets

By Delmi Menendez
Staff Reporter

The Art, Communications, and Theatre department will host its annual banquet at 6 p.m. Thu., April 27, in the Conference Center.

"Everyone in the department should attend if they can to celebrate all of our accomplishments throughout the year, honor our seniors, and receive scholarships," said Dr. Robin Jones, department chair.

Teddy Awards for Theatre students will be awarded, as well as Cubby awards for the student-directed shows.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The fee is \$12 per person, and students are welcome to bring a guest. Tickets can be reserved in the department office, ART 221 and need to be reserved by April 24.

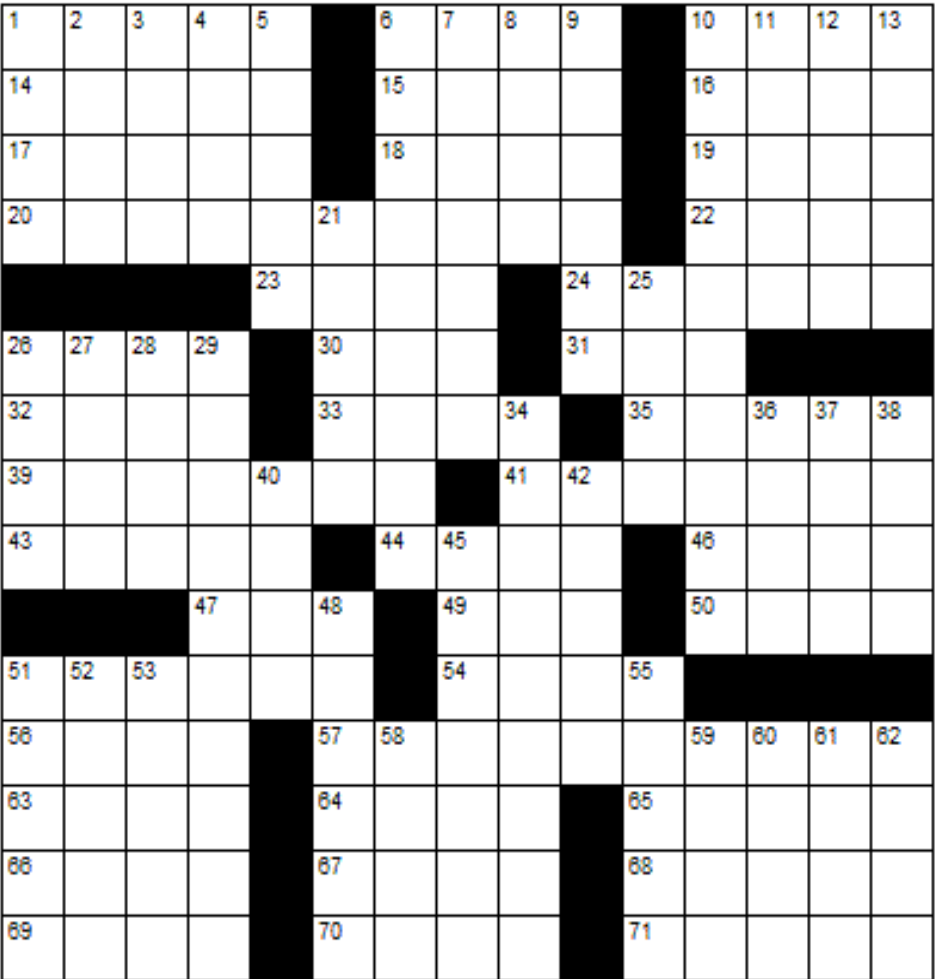
The following is a list of other department and organization banquets:

- Sat., April 15: Softball Senior Banquet, 4 – 6 p.m. in the Pioneer Cellular Event Center Skyview Suite.
- Tue., April 18: Engineering Technology Banquet, 6-9 p.m. in the Student Union, Ballroom
- Fri., April 21: Biology Banquet, 5:30-9 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom
- Fri., April 21: Chemistry Banquet, 5:30-9p.m. in the Business Enterprise Building Redbud Room 108
- Sun., April 23: Zeta Phi Banquet, 1-5p.m. on Bradley across from Stewart Hall
- Wed., April 26: SWOSU All Sports Banquet, 6-9p.m. in the Pioneer Cellular Event Center gym

Crossword (courtesy of mirroreyes.com)

ACROSS

- Top of a wave
- Apollo astronaut Slayton
- Fraud
- Audio communications
- Visual organs
- Container weight
- Proxy
- Dregs
- Violent disturbance
- A decorated dart
- Backside
- Short skirt
- A boring movie
- Residence hall
- Directed
- Bro or sis
- Murres
- Alleviate
- Liabilities
- Used to stabilize a ship
- Chevrotrain
- Streamlined
- Wicked
- Govern
- Very Important Person
- French for "Summer"
- Cry of pain
- A loose robe
- A few
- False god
- Nationalism
- Wash
- 62 in Roman numerals
- Move furtively
- Not now
- Aquatic plant
- Blockage of the intestine
- Classify
- Bobbin
- Approaches



DOWN

- Fourth sign of the zodiac
- Indian music
- Biblical garden
- A region of SE Pakistan
- Clan emblem
- Trace
- Anagram of "Seedily"
- Ship part
- Literary compositions
- A type of berry
- A marker of stones
- Got up
- Gauge
- Angers
- Assistant
- Anagram of "Buds"
- By mouth
- Anger
- Evil
- An article of opinion
- Color of the sky
- Express in words
- Stair
- Analogous
- Lacquer ingredient
- Trace
- Cottonwood
- Skirts
- Potato state
- Relocation company
- A red fluorescent dye
- Spindle
- Scrabble piece
- Bright thought
- Aspersions
- Untidyness

FEATURES

MOVIE REVIEW

KUNG FURY

By Hibah Aljohani
Staff Reporter



Photo courtesy YouTube

Often times the movies that are the worst, are simply the best. There is an art to making a “good bad movie” but when done well it is something to behold. One such movie is *Kung Fury*. From the very beginning, it sets the tone that it is not meant to be taken seriously. *Kung Fury* is a movie started with funds raised from Kickstarter and made in 2015 by a group of young college kids.

The main character is Kung Fury, a cop who was bitten by a cobra and struck by lightning at the same time, giving him super-human Kung Fu abilities. These powers come in handy during his time traveling adventure and the mission of killing Hitler, who is a time traveling Kung Fu Master himself.

Kung Fury fights alongside his companions: a triceratops cop, dinosaur-riding vikings with machine guns, a T-rex, and his hacker friend who can hack time. Together they set out with a simple mission, which is to stop Hitler from traveling through time, and killing their chief by shooting through a phone.

From start to stop the movie keeps you wondering, “Why exactly am I watching this? And what am I watching?” *Kung Fury* is the most terrible movie that you’ll want to watch again on Netflix.

Students travel on the cheap

By Kathy Martinez
Staff Reporter

Summer vacation is weeks away and many students have started planning for a vacation. However, planning a trip and adding up all the costs can be expensive.

SWOSU students shared several ways to save a few dollars while planning an expensive trip.

“Instead of booking an expensive hotel for several nights, my friends and I rent an AirBnB,” said Abigail Carter, English major from Sulphur.

AirBnB is an online website that allows people from around the world to rent their apartments, homes, or lodgings for short-term stays for a reasonable price.

When visiting their website, one enters the city they will be staying at and a selection of apartments, homes and lodgings appear.

“There’s different options,” said Carter, “It ranges from different pricing and different home styles.”

One student shared with us a cheap way to get airline tickets.

When looking for tickets, many adults will simply visit their favorite or most popular airline’s website and select their flight directly from there. This may end up being the costliest way to search for

tickets.

“I always visit KAYAK or Expedia when looking for flights,” Kiera Prewitt, communications major from Cordell, said.

KAYAK and Expedia are both websites that allow people to enter their desired flight plans and compare prices from all different airlines.

These websites can allow you to sort the results by cheapest price or by how many stops are included in the flight.

A final tip for saving money while trav-



Photo courtesy The Balance

eling is to always travel with groups.

“My friends and I always try to plan our trips together to split the costs,” said Logan Boese, nursing major from Elk City.

Traveling in groups allows students to split the major costs of all the expenses, making it a lot cheaper to travel. The bigger the group, the bigger the savings.

Music concert set this week

By Breanna Neer
Staff Reporter

The symphonic and community band will be held Wednesday April 19 and Friday April 21 at 7 pm.

It features two bands within the music department.

On Wednesday the Weatherford community band will play along with the SWOSU symphonic band.

The community band is directed by Dr. James South. The band consists community members, and a few SWOSU students. The band includes anyone from Jr. High onto adulthood.

“Some of these individuals are very experienced” says Dr. Mueller, the director

of bands.

Mueller and his graduate assistance, Chelsea Chargualaf and Tiffany Piper, conduct the symphonic band, which is one of the two symphonic ensembles in the music department.

On Friday the SWOSU wind symphony will perform their semester closing concert. They will play a variety of music from recent compositions, computer interactions, and works by John Philip Sousa.

The wind symphony will also perform in January at the Oklahoma Music Educators Association State convention as the Collegiate Honor Ensemble.

“The SWOSU Wind Symphony is one of the finest ensembles among the collegiate ensembles statewide” says Mueller.

Opinion:

Adopt, don't shop



By Monica Posas
Staff Reporter

Many will browse through Google searching for breeders once deciding they want a new puppy, all while multiple dogs are anxiously awaiting at their local shelter for someone, literally anyone, to come rescue them before their time is up.

Adopting a dog may not even cross the future owners’ mind, but a shelter or rescue should always be the first place visited.

If they’re not searching through Google, they’re probably checking out the puppy selection at a pet store.

They’re probably also unaware that many pet stores receive their puppies from puppy mills. Puppy mills are nothing short of horrendous yet somehow, they are legal. Continued purchasing of these often inbred, sick, and tortured puppies allows these heartbreaking puppy mill businesses to continue running. One of the United States’ biggest suppliers of puppies for pet stores comes from a puppy mill just 30 miles away in Cordell, Oklahoma. Feel free to Google that place when searching

puppies, and you will be shocked to your core.

Yes, a pure-bred yorkie puppy is so tiny and cute. Yes, a goldendoodle looks like a real-life teddy bear. Who wouldn’t want one of those?

But in the end, it is still a dog. A shelter dog can love, play, and be just as great of a companion as the dog you paid \$400+ to a breeder for. Plus, by taking in a shelter dog, you’d be saving a life. A living, breathing life. What could be more rewarding than that?

So, do not search for breeders. Do not support pet stores who support puppy mills. Visit your local animal shelter. Visit rescues. There are multiple rescues in Oklahoma who dedicate everything they have to help save homeless dogs.

Country Roads Animal Rescue, Pets and People Humane Society, and Friends for Life are just a few of many. Not only do they care for them and train them, they also help gain the trust back from dogs who have gone through suffering, so that they can be better companion for you.

And be the best decision you could have ever made.

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SPORTS



Baseball team drops series

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. – SWOSU Baseball was unable to hold a ninth-inning lead against Henderson State on Saturday and fell to the Reddies 4-3, going winless in Arkansas over the weekend in three tries.

It took starter Devin Ring an inning to settle in, allowing two runs on three hits and a walk in the game's opening inning. But after the first, the senior bowed his neck to put up zeros the rest of his outing to keep SWOSU in the ballgame.

Trailing 2-0 after one, Justin Freeman got the Bulldogs on the board in the second inning with an RBI hit that cut the deficit in half. The score would remain 2-1 until the sixth when SWOSU would strike again. A costly HSU error allowed Connor Anderson to score after another Freeman single. Tied 2-2 now, Ruben Rodriguez stepped in and delivered the go-ahead two-out RBI to plate Freeman and take a 3-2 lead – The Dawgs first lead

of the game.

Gunnar Cook came in for relief after Ring on the bump and was able to keep the zeros coming. Cook threw two scoreless frames himself, and gave way to Quintin Dougherty in the ninth. Dougherty couldn't shut the door however, and allowed two runs to give Henderson State the victory in walk off fashion.

The offense had plenty of chances to cash in on more runs in the contest, but stranded 14 on base in the game – the same number of hits the Dawgs ended with. Wisdom had a great weekend at the plate and finished 3-for-5 on Saturday with three singles to his credit. Rodriguez also ended with three hits, while Anderson and Freeman both had two.

SWOSU (15-22, 11-14 GAC) will now have to wait to play until next weekend when they host Ouachita Baptist in the final home GAC series of the regular season for Senior Weekend.

MY OPINION: NBA? Larkin's Wisdom

By Larkin Wisdom
Staff Reporter

With the 2016-2017 NBA season coming to a close, the yearly awards are about to be handed out. The most important one, the Most Valuable Player award. With many players on playoff contending teams making a strong case for the award, the award is going to be handed to one of two players. Those two are Houston Rockets guard James Harden and Oklahoma City's own Russell Westbrook.

Triple Doubles
The 2016-2017 NBA season has set a new league record on triple doubles during the course of the year. James Harden and Russell Westbrook are the top two on the list. Westbrook just set the NBA record for most by a single player in a season with his 42nd triple double against the Denver Nuggets. This broke a tie with Oscar Robertson who held the record with 41 triple doubles since the 1961-1962 season. Westbrook is also averaging a triple double per game this season with 31.7 points, 10.7 rebounds, and 10.4 assists. This would only be the second time in NBA history that a player averaged a triple double per game, behind Robertson's 1961-1962 season. James Harden has 21 triple doubles this season. Westbrook has him doubled. James Harden is averaging 29.1 points, 8.1 rebounds, and 11.2 assists per game.

Teams they Play For
James Harden plays on the better team. He has led the Rockets to a 54-27 win/loss record with a game left to play. Harden also has helped the Rockets clinch the number three seed in the playoffs. Russell Westbrook has led the Oklahoma City Thunder to a 46-34 win/loss record with two games left to play. This has the Thunder in the six seed for the NBA Playoffs. So who is more valuable to their team?

What does "MVP" really mean?
Most Valuable Player is defined "the player who contributes the most to his or her team's success". You can look at the MVP race from a couple of different points of view. Argument point number one: Team wins and where they are in the standings. James Harden plays on a team that has more wins and is seeded higher in the standings. When it all comes down to it, at the end of the year, people only remember the team who wins. James Harden has the upper hand here because



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his team has more wins. Does this mean he played a bigger part in his team's success?

Argument point number two: The stats of each individual. The stats speak for themselves. Westbrook is averaging a triple double per game. That has only happened once.

And the last argument point that I am going to make is, "the player that contributes the most to his or her team's success".

The Rockets have seven players that average double figured points per game (Harden included). Also, as a team the Rockets set a new NBA record for most three-point field goals made in a season. The Thunder however, have only four players averaging double figured points per game (Westbrook included). The Rockets are a more well rounded team scoring wise than the Thunder are. The Thunder rely more on Westbrook than the Rockets rely on Harden. Yes, both are superstars having incredible seasons in this historic NBA season but the team who lives and dies by their superstar more is the Oklahoma City Thunder. Russell Westbrook is their leader, is their go to man, and they would not be in the position they are in if not for him.

Russell Westbrook, in the middle of the one of the biggest seasons stat wise in NBA history, should be the NBA Most Valuable Player because of his performance this season and where he has his team at.

Golf teams compete

By Vincent Berrones
Staff Reporter

Mens and Womans Golf Update
Mens Update:
The last time the SWOSU men's golf team took the course, it was at the Argonaut Invitational in Pensacola, Fla.

The Dawgs finished the tournament tied for 12th place. As a team, SWOSU finished with a score of 608 strokes, which was a total of 32 shots above par.

Stefan Idstam led the Bulldogs, and finished in sixth place in individuals while shooting two under par.

The other four golfers for SWOSU all shot over 80, and each of them finished with 12 or more shots above par.

SWOSU looked strong in this tournament and will compete in the GAC Conference tournament in Hot Springs,

Ark on April 23.

Womens Update:
The SWOSU women's golf team competed in the Central Region Spring Preview in Springfield, Mi. on April 10 and 11.

The Lady Bulldogs finished in fourth place behind stellar performances from Elin Wahlin and Gloria Choi. Wahlin shot a +8 and finished tied for fifth place in individuals, while Choi finished two strokes behind her, to finish in eighth place.

SWOSU finished 13 strokes behind the Central Region Spring Preview Champion, Northeastern State, who finished with a total of 615 strokes.

The Lady Bulldogs will travel with the men's team to Hot Springs, Ark., on April 23 to compete in the Great American Conference championships.



Lady Bulldogs sweep HSU

By Larkin Wisdom
Staff Reporter

After a Saturday sweep of Henderson State, the Southwestern softball team is 16-26 on the year, with a 10-22 Great American Conference record.

The Saturday wins were part of Senior Day festivities that honored 10 Bulldog

Southwestern won the first game 6-5. The team scored three in the first inning and added three more to build a 6-1 lead. They held off the Reddies for the one-run win. Taya Haney had one solo home run, and Bailey King had the game-clinching RBI. Abigail Schade went 3-for-3 in the game.

Southwestern added another one-run

win to close the series. The Bulldogs scored five runs in the bottom of the sixth and then held off the Reddies again for a 10-9 win. The offensive leaders for the five-run sixth inning were Miranda McDonald, Cheyenne Trotter, Tori Hawk, Schade, and Haney.

Senior Taya Haney was named Bulldog of the Week for her performance during the week of April 3. Haney had at least one hit in all six games during the week. She was a big part of the Lady Bulldogs two wins against OBU last week. In game one of the series, she drew a bases loaded walk for the walk-off win. In game four of the series, she collected five RBIs, including a grand slam. Haney also collected her first save of the season in the circle.

Opinion Should Westbrook be MVP?

By Delmi Menendez
Staff Reporter

Russell Westbrook, Oklahoma City Thunder star is a main NBA MVP candidate. Not only is he averaging a triple-double but he is also the main reason, along with the help of his teammates, that the Thunder is being considered for the playoffs this year.

As the crowd chants "Westbrook for MVP" I cannot help to contain my excitement and feel some sort of pride to have someone like Westbrook representing not just the Thunder but the whole state of Oklahoma.

While there is people who agree that he should be the MVP, there is also people who are not completely on board with it.

Why should Russ get MVP? On Tuesday April 3rd, he became the first player to have 41 triple doubles in one season, since Oscar Robertson 55 years ago. Following later the week on Friday, he joined Robertson on being the only players in the history of NBA to average a triple double for the

season.

In a world of make believe he truly is showing us that it can be done, and he did. While he has these triple doubles, most would agree that he is one of the most valuable players in the league and he deserves that award.

The rivalry for the NBA's MVP is competitive, and some people believe that along with Russell Westbrook, LeBron James and James Harden deserve to be NBA MVP as well.

26.3 points is LeBron James average, 8.5 rebounds and 8.7 assists, while James Harden is averaging 29.2 points, 8.1 rebounds and 11.2 assists. Therefore, some people believe both MVP candidates would or could average a triple double, based on their stats and if they would rely more on what their team can achieve.

Another reason people believe Russ does not deserve MVP is due to his shooting ability. While, LeBron's and Harden's shooting percentage is above 61 percent, and Russ's is only around 53 percent, many believe this makes him an unqualified



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candidate for such title.
NBA legend Michael Jordan inducted Russell Westbrook into Oklahoma Hall of Fame, and stated on an interview that he sees a lot of resemblance of his passion for the game, when he watches Westbrook play, and he is a fan of his.

And on Wednesday, April 12 at the Thunder VS. Nuggets game, Oscar Robertson made an appearance to honor Westbrook as the most valuable player.

Two great NBA legends that have nothing to say but good things about Westbrook, not just as a player but also as a person. Therefore, why should Russ not get MVP?

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Sudoku

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Answers

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Res Life

Finals is Coming

There is now only one and a half weeks until finals week begins. It is hard to believe that the spring semester is already almost over. With so many great memories made here at SWOSU in the past semester, it is now time to start gearing up for finals, if you have not already. Whether you will be systematically planning your study times, or cramming for all of your tests, there are a few tips to keep in mind. First off, make sure you get plenty of sleep. Your mind and body need time to recover. Sticking with the theme of rest, take breaks during your study sessions. Even if it is just a short break to check social media, it is good to give your mind a chance to digest all of the info you are feeding it. Lastly, make sure that you take the time to eat well. Do not skip meals to study, your body needs those nutrients. Good luck DAWGS!

PICS OF RES LIFE



Channing Tater-Tot-Um Movie Night at Oklahoma Hall

Oklahoma Hall will be hosting a Channing Tater-Tot-Um Movie Night on Tuesday, April 25th at 8:00 pm. The event will be held in the OK Hall lobby. Residents will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite Channing Tatum movie at the Oklahoma Hall front desk from Monday, April 17th until Friday, April 21st. The winning movie will be shown at the event. There will also be free tater-tots as well as other refreshments. Join us for an evening of food, fun, and Channing Tatum viewing!

Resident Spotlight

Rudi Nix



Hometown: Elk City

Classification: Sophomore

Major: Early Childhood Education

Building: Stewart Hall

Why did you choose SWOSU?

I chose SWOSU because I love the campus, it's close enough to home, and SWOSU has an amazing education program.

What are your hobbies?

I love singing, reading the Bible with my roommate, and watching movies with friends and family.

What do you want to do when you graduate?

When I graduate, I plan to get a job as a teacher.

What's your favorite movie quote?

“A queen is never late, everyone else is simply early.” –The Princess Diaries

Resident Spotlight

Shaquille Catchings



Hometown: Houston, Texas

Classification: Graduate Student

Major: Masters of Business Administration

Building: ALL!

Why did you choose SWOSU?

I chose SWOSU, because I felt that it would be a good place for professional development.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy playing basketball, tennis, and hanging out with my fraternity brothers.

Who's been a major influence in your life?

My Grandmother, because she always told me to put a degree behind my name!

What's your favorite movie quote?

“It’s not what you know, it’s what you can prove in court”. – Law Abiding Citizen